

NATIONAL FRONT PRIORITIES

RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN CZECH 1200 GMT 30 AUG 68 L

(1000, 1200, 1400, AND 1700 HRS)

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL FRONT HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT ON THE PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION. AS WE WANT OUR LIFE TO BE NORMALIZED, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE REGARDS AS URGENT THAT THE SOLUTION OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BE GIVEN PRIORITY:

FIRST, WE REGARD IT AS FUNDAMENTAL THAT THE DEPARTURE OF FOREIGN ARMED FORCES BE INSURED. WE ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT ON INDIVIDUAL STAGES UNTIL THE COMPLETE DEPARTURE OF FOREIGN TROOPS, SO THAT THE FULL SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR STATE IS RESTORED.

SECOND, IN THE INTEREST OF THE NORMALIZATION OF THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL LIFE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WE DEMAND THAT WITHIN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME THE CONSTITUTIONAL ORGANS, THE ORGANS OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE NATIONAL FRONT, AND ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATED WITH THAT FRONT ARE ENABLED TO CARRY OUT NORMAL ACTIVITY, INCLUDING PUBLICATION ACTIVITY. THIS WILL ENABLE US TO FULFILL THE TASKS THAT FACE US AT PRESENT.

THIRD, WE INSIST UNCONDITIONALLY THAT FOREIGN TROOPS AND OTHER FOREIGN ORGANS RESPECT THE MOSCOW NEGOTIATIONS AND DO NOT INTERFERE IN OUR INTERNAL RELATIONS. FOR THAT REASON UNLAWFULLY DETAINED CITIZENS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC SHOULD BE RELEASED AT ONCE. (WE ALL) APPEAL TO THE GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE WITH SOVEREIGNTY ABOUT ALL STATE AFFAIRS IN THE SPHERE OF INTERNAL SECURITY, TOO.

FOURTH, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL FRONT EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN WITH THE COURSE OF ACTION OF ITS PRESIDIUM FROM 21 TO 23 AUGUST, INCLUDING THE PROTESTS AGAINST THE VIOLATION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC WHICH IS CONTRARY TO THE BASIC NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ALL IDEAS ABOUT COMRADELY AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN SOCIALIST STATES.

FIFTH, WE EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO OUR PEOPLE FOR THEIR PRUDENT, UNITED, AND FIRM ATTITUDE IN THE CRITICAL DAYS, AND FOR THEIR LOYALTY TO FREEDOM, SOCIALISM, AND DEMOCRACY. WE APPEAL TO THE ORGANIZATIONS UNITED IN THE NATIONAL FRONT AND TO ALL CITIZENS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA THAT THEY CONTINUE TO PRESERVE THEIR NATIONAL AND CIVIC PRIDE AND THAT THEY DO NOT EVADE A REALISTIC VIEW OF THE FACTS, SO THAT WE CAN AGAIN JOINTLY SHAPE OUR OWN LIFE.

WE APPEAL TO ALL PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO INSURE FULLY THE PRESENT ECONOMIC TASKS AND THE NORMALIZATION OF OUR LIFE BY PATRIOTIC WORKING EFFORTS AND CONSCIOUS RESPONSIBILITY. (WORDS INDISTINCT) TO REESTABLISH POLITICAL AND PUBLIC LIFE IN THESE DIFFICULT CONDITIONS.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL FRONT APPRECIATES HIGHLY THE STATESMANLIKE WISDOM, PRUDENCE, AND CONSISTENCY SHOWN BY PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC LUDVÍK SVOBODA AT THE TIME OF THE MOSCOW TALKS, AS WELL AS POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL FUNCTIONARIES COMRADES DUBČEK, ŠTROMOVSKÝ, AND ČERNÍK, AND IT EXPRESSES THE CONVICTION THAT WITH THE AID OF OUR NATION'S AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE WE WILL SECURE THE NORMALIZATION OF OUR LIFE AND THE DEPARTURE OF FOREIGN ARMED FORCES.

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